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POUGHKEEPSIE RESIDENT SENTENCED TO 92 MONTHS FOR BANK ROBBERIES IN NEW YORK, CONNECTICUT, AND PENNSYLVANIA

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that FRANK SCOTT SURICO, a resident of the City of Poughkeepsie, New York, was sentenced by United States District Court Judge KENNETH M. KARAS in White Plains federal court today to 92 months in prison for robbing six banks in New York, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania.

According to the five-count Superseding Information, filed in the Southern District of New York, and the one-count Indictment, filed in the Middle District of Pennsylvania, to which SURICO pleaded guilty in July 2008, he committed six robberies from in or about January through March 2008 in New York, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania.

Specifically, SURICO admitted in his plea allocution that he robbed the Webster Bank in Brookfield, Connecticut, of \$2,800; he robbed the Citizen's Bank in New Windsor, New York, of \$3,264; he robbed the Fairfield County Bank in Danbury, Connecticut, of \$5,300; he robbed the Catskill Hudson Bank in Middletown, New York, of \$5,365; he robbed the Citizens Bank in Matamoras, Pennsylvania, of \$6,756; and he attempted to rob the Mid Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union in Middletown, New York.

He told the Court his modus operandi was to approach a teller, place a plastic bag on the counter, announce that it was a robbery, demand that the teller place money in the bag, and then walk out.

Mr. DASSIN praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the New York State Police; and the Police Departments of Walkill, New York; Brookfield, New Windsor and Danbury, Connecticut; and Matamoras, Pennsylvania, in connection with this investigation.

 $\,$ Assistant United States Attorney ANNA M. SKOTKO is in charge of the prosecution.

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